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SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I do support the amendment. We have a lot of people that use the parks even in the wintertime. You take ice fishermen. You will see that for instance Branched Oak will just be covered with little tents out there fishing. During the debate or hearing the sport enthusiasm thought that we should expand the time of use of the parks and if somebody is going to use a park during the wintertime, they should also be paying for the permit. In other words, they get their permit the first of the year, it will last until the first of the year. It is a seasonal permit instead of just a short, short time. It is the whole year. I felt that what is the difference if they buy a \$10 permit, they just as well have the use of the park for the whole year instead of just part of the year. That is really the purpose of the amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, would Senator Labedz yield to a question?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labedz, would you respond to a question, please?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Senator Labedz, is it correct that about eight million people used the parks in Nebraska in a year, or am I wrong?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Eight million visit, yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Eight million visit a year. So we do know how many people approximately are going to be using the parks and how many people are going to be buying permits.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Correct. It is increasing every year.

SENATOR HIGGINS: In regards to studded snow tires, we had no way of knowing how many people would be buying permits. Is that correct?

SENATOR LABEDZ: That is absolutely correct.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So we do know how much revenue this will produce. Right?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Absolutely correct.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Senator Labedz.